

## **WMVH Repairs & Refurbishment Report for AGM – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

There has been a lot of activity through the year with a small group working hard to manage the incidental repairs and planned improvements.

Since initiating repairs 4 years ago, we were greatly affected by the consequences of COVID-19 upon building work thereafter. We have now adapted to take a longer-term view and increase the scope as well as the budget. This is therefore now an ongoing project.

2023 has been a quieter year but since the last AGM we have carried out structural repairs to the back of the hall and schoolhouse and further repairs to the roof.

The electrical distribution, emergency and external lighting have seen repair, upgrade & addition.

The gutters and downpipes to the hall have now been replaced, the damp side porch repaired and sealed and the chimney at the front of the hall has been capped & vented. There have also been further repairs & plumbing issues in the schoolhouse.

The next phase planned for 2024 is to smarten up and improve the hall for hirers and will encompass internal decoration, wiring and lighting improvements plus renewing the hall & passage floor. Full refurbishment of the WCs with replacement of all fittings and fixtures.

Undertaking the refurbishment of the WCs was not part of our original repair plans but is now clearly necessary. Significant cost increases coupled to reduced booking rates post-COVID mean we now need to do some focussed fundraising to pay for the work and maintain a reserve.

There will continue to be an ongoing need for repairs and redecoration etc. currently scheduled with an agreed budget of circa £20,000 for the following three years. Funds will be required for that too, ideally before 2025.

Improving the kitchen and associated appliances etc. has been discussed before and I suspect will become a priority when other areas have been upgraded. We do not have any money -or plans - to do that (yet).

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